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Applicant : BIPPUS et al.  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification originally filed, with the enclosed substitute specification. A marked up copy of the original specification is attached. Applicant states that no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 without prejudice and replace them with the following new claims:

7. (New) A shielding device for connection strips for telecommunications and data engineering applications, the shielding device comprising:  
a plurality of shielding plates;